

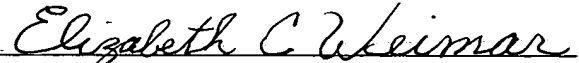
**Remarks**

Applicants respectfully submit that no prohibited new matter has been introduced by this Preliminary Amendment. Claims 26-60 correspond to claims 1-25 of International Application PCT/FR03/002446. The changes to the claims were made to bring the claims into compliance with US rules, such as, elimination of multiply dependent claims, including improper multiple dependencies, modification of preamble language to include "comprising", "consisting of" and "wherein" where appropriate and to separate optional limitations into separate dependent claims. These changes do not narrow the claimed subject matter presented and examined in the corresponding International Application. In as much as the claims are presented in a Preliminary Amendment filed on the same day as the application these claims will be considered as "original" claims for designation in all future amendments.

Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration of the pending claims and early indication of allowability.

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